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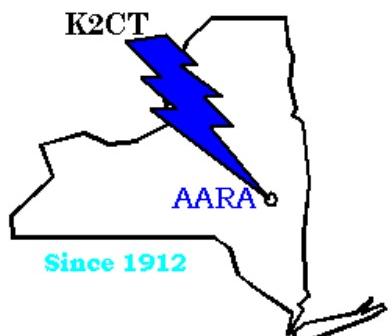
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AARA

AARA Meets at the
Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave
Delmar, NY 12054

Fri day DEC 11th
Social Hour 6:55 PM

home baked goods
Holiday Party
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

DEC. MEETING

Holiday baked goods party

Elections of Officers

Bring some baked goods
and enjoy the Party.



K2CT Repeater
Talk-in repeater 145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 103.5Hz

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$15.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format
www.k2ct.org

Checks should be made out to **AARA**
and sent to: sabrams@nycap.rr.com
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ATVET Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

If you can HELP OUT on future dates : call Gerry, WA2IWW

Contact **ATVET LIAISON:** *Gerry*, WA2IWW atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

If you are interested in amateur radio, and would like to take the exam, the Albany/Troy VE Team (ATVET) stands ready to assist. ATVET is a joint effort of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), and the Troy Amateur Radio Association (TARA). We are affiliated with the ARRL/VEC, and have been proud to provide testing opportunities since 1984.

Dave Galletly, KM2O revealed NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) has issued a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)
<http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/races/documents/races-operating-procedure.pdf>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee

Have designated the following:

President Randy Woessner, KC1NN

Vice-President

Sue Rothschild, N2LBR

Secretary Walt. Legowski, WA1KKM

Treasurer Saul Abrams, K2XA

3-yr Director Jim Grace. KA2AQV

Nominations from the floor will be

Accepted at the Election Meeting

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015

ARRL website

H.R.1301 in the US House of Representative and S 1685 in the US Senate

Would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced HR 1301 on March 4 with 12 original cosponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats in the US House. US Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) introduced S 1685 on June 25, with Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) as the original cosponsor, into the US Senate.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances.

The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. **S 1685** has been referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet, which is chaired by the bill's sponsor, Wicker.

ARRL members are urged to contact their members of both the House and the Senate, asking them to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. Route letters for your member of Congress to:

ARRL
Attn Amateur Radio Parity Act
grassroots campaign
225 Main St
Newington CT 06111

Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity
Some misconceptions about the Amateur Radio Parity Act are being circulated. Please read the document "Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity" here.



The ARRL Centennial QSO Party?

The ARRL Centennial QSO Party is a year-long operating event that celebrates hams making contacts. In the end you will have accumulated points, worked new stations and made new friends all over the world.

The Centennial QSO Party is made-up of two main activities: (1) W1AW operating portable in each state and most territories; and (2) The Centennial Points Challenge which is the accumulation of points from qualifying contacts made throughout 2014. To have a score listed online in the Points Challenge competition, logs must be submitted through the [Logbook of the World \(LoTW\)](#) system.

Operating Period

(0000Z, 1 January, 2014 - 2359Z, 31 December, 2014) W1AW will operate portable from each state and many territories throughout the year. Each state will be activated twice so that if you miss one operation, you can pick-up the next.

Participation

Everyone may participate. Only ARRL members and appointees/elected officials/staff/W1AW are worth points. See the **QSO Points Table** for a complete list of QSO values
<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party#Table>

CONTESTS

***** AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR *****

2015 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	A	705	80	112,800
W2GDJ	U	465	82	76,260

2015 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- PHONE RESULTS (Preliminary)

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
KM2O	B	580	80	92,800
WC2L	U (L)	363	83	60,258
K2QY	B	313	80	50,080

2015 WORKED ALL EUROPE RTTY

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
K2QY	SO	342	258	88,236

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR

December 2015

CWops Mini-CWT Test	Dec 9 and Dec 10
NCCC RTTY Sprint	Dec 11
QRP Fox Hunt	Dec 11
NCCC Sprint	Dec 11
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	Dec 12 to Dec 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	Dec 12 to Dec 13
International Naval Contest	Dec 12 to Dec 13
QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint	Dec 13
QRP Fox Hunt	Dec 16
CWops Mini-CWT Test	Dec 16 and Dec 16 and Dec 17
NAQCC CW Sprint	Dec 17
NCCC RTTY Sprint	Dec 18
OK DX RTTY Contest	Dec 19
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	Dec 20
N1 Christmas Carol Special Event operation	starts Dec 24th



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